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FOR: ELECTRIC CONNECTOR FOR ELECTRICALLY CONNECTING A WIRE OF
ONE ARTICLE TO A CONTACT OF ANOTHER ARTICLE

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